

Dennis Lang near Lexington, Ky., some years ago. Dupont's name was Black, and he was courting a daughter of Lang, to which the father objected. Black went home with the daughter one Sunday night, and was met at the gate by the father, who ordered him never to come to his house again. A quarrel ensued, and Black shot Lang and came to the Indian Territory. He changed his name to Dupont, and became wealthy trading with the Indians.

Dupont, and became wealthy trading with the Indians.

Indians.

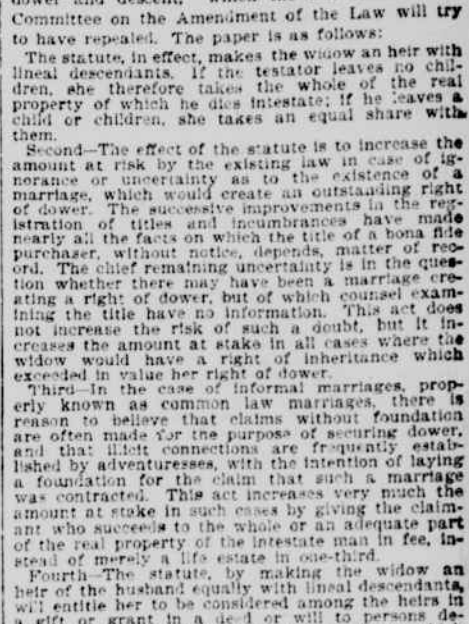
---

**THE LAW OF DOWER AND DESCENT**

---

**A COMMITTEE OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION WILL  
SEEK TO HAVE THE NEW STATUTE REPEALED.**

Austin Abbott has prepared a memorandum in relation to Chapter 171, of the Laws of 1895, entitled "An Act to amend the Revised Statutes relating to



would prevent the attempt to interpret deeds or wills heretofore drawn and executed, and containing references to heirs not vested previously to the taking

For instance, if a testator desiring to give real property to his son and his son's heirs, excluding the son's wife has executed a will devising to the son's life and on his death to his then heirs, the widow will be included, instead of excluded, by the apparent effect of this statute. By the adoption of this law (L. 1854, c. 438, Sec. 3; L. 1873, c. 830, Sec. 19. As amended by L. 1887, c. 703), such a consequence

Fifth—If any change in this direction is to be adopted, it would seem to be important to make no distinction between real and personal property. The wife should share the property she shall take in the property of the intestate husband and that which a husband shall take in the property of an intestate wife.

Sixth—The effect of the law deserves further consideration. A wife who bears no children will take all of her intestate husband's property, and she who bears three children, the next of kin family, will take only one-quarter. Sooner or later this must to some degree inject a mercenary consideration into this relation.

Seventh—Where the wife has been made an heir at fixed proportion of the property has usually been prescribed, leaving the children to share the residue.

**A FIGHT IN THE ORANGE COMMON COUNCIL.**

There is a curious state of affairs in the Orange (N. J.) Common Council, and a bitter fight for supremacy between the two parties. The Council stands nine Republicans to seven Democrats. One of the men elected as a Republican, Alderman Parkinson, has been in opposition to the Republicans all the year, and has thrown his weight with the Democratic minority. This made a tie. At the last meeting of the Council, early in April, it was moved to adjourn to the fourth Tuesday in April for the purpose of canvassing the vote at the last election in accordance with the provisions of the charter. At the next time the leader of the Republicans, Mr.

to the knowledge of the Republicans that, taking advantage of this, the Democrats, with the aid of certain influential persons, had arranged to have certain political canvases. Hence, as they were advised that the canvases of the vote could not be held until the year after the regular meeting in May, most of the Republicans was present at the meeting. This made the Democrats' plan very effective. The Democrats adjourn from day to day to force the Republicans to come in. This plan was carried out all day, week after week. In the meantime, in the mean time it was found that certain transfers of money were needed in order to carry out the plan. The Democrats, therefore, on May 1, to meet this need, the president of the Council has called a special meeting for to-morrow. This meeting will take precedence of any adjournment made by the Democrats this evening and a statement will be made by the president of the Council of the new Council, on May 6, the Republicans will have a clear working majority. It is to be hoped that many one man to cause the deadlocks that have taken place during the last year.

Mr. Fairbanks, a native Indiana and a warm personal friend of ex-President Harrison, is in the city looking after some important law cases in which he is engaged. To a reporter of The Tribune, who saw Mr. Fairbanks last evening at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, he said: "I am not a candidate for the nomination. Mr. Harrison nor anybody else has any authority to represent ex-President Harrison as a candidate for the office which he once held. Mr. Harrison had in making his statement in sufficiently clear, and cannot be regarded as altogether correct."

"General Harrison is not a candidate for President in the usual acceptance of the term," he said. "I am not going to secure the nomination next year. At the same time, his friends feel and I feel that he should be nominated by the Republican party for 1884, and that the masses of the people look to him to lead them back to the prosperity and peace of the country."

"I am quite confident, however, that the ex-President neither desires nor has any disposition to be nominated for President in 1884. He could place the Republican standard in the hands of some other eminent member of the party with as much probability as he could place it in his own victory. I am sure that he would prefer this to taking the nomination himself."

**DR. MACARTHUR DOES NOT OWN THE STORE**

Charles S. Davis, who conducts a retail drugstore at Seventh-ave. and Fifty-seventh-st., was asked by a Tribune reporter Saturday night about a published article, in which it was stated that Dr. MacArthur owned the store. Dr. Robert S. MacArthur, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, and that Mr. Davis was acting as agent for Dr. MacArthur, who had "taken possession of the drugstore last December." The article further said that Dr. MacArthur had paid a bill for the store to the Tribune Building, owned by Theodore Willich & Co., of No. 13, William-st., and that Dr. MacArthur was "in trouble," and had "been forced to sell the store."

"The whole thing is incorrect," Dr. MacArthur has had no legal interest in this business, and he has never owned it. He has received only \$100,000 of the money from a neighbor of mine and not from Dr. MacArthur. It is true that I received \$100,000, for which he took no security. He made the loan as a gift, and not as a money-lender. I am not acting

H. Merchand of this city, who owns the business, I understand that this morning Dr. MacArthur received a sarcastic letter from the attorneys of Willcox & Co., asking him to pay the costs in the pill-box case. He said that he had written them back and I have decided not to pay these costs."

Dr. MacArthur said regarding the matter: "There is absolutely nothing in the story, and I am not now talking about."

**THE BICYCLE RIDER WAS AN ATTACHE**

City of Mexico, April 28.—A police sergeant and two gendarmes yesterday invaded the German Legation for the purpose of searching for a bicyclist who had been seen on a bicycle on the sidewalk, and who took refuge in the Legation when pursued by the mounted sergeant. Dr. Egmont von Winieler, the German Minister, on hearing the disturbance, appeared on the scene, promptly kicked the two gendarmes out of the door, and then told the sergeant to get out. On news of the occurrence reaching the municipal palace, General

Legation and offered protection. The Legation and Germany by the action of his ignorant subordinates in entering the Legation, and the Legation by the action of its ignorant subordinates in accepting the apology, expressing himself as satisfied with the action of the Chief, and said he would take no further action in the case. The sergeant was discharged from the service.

**BUYING LAND ON MISSIONARY RIDGE.**  
(Chattanooga, Tenn., April 28.—The Government yesterday purchased twenty acres of land on Missionary Ridge, and will erect a monument on the site. The monument and markers will be erected on the tract acquired. Eventually it will be converted into a park, and will be an important adjunct to the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park.

**One package**  
  
**OATMEAL**

equals in digestible nourishment 3 of ordinary oatmeal.